

Question No. 20: In a recent report the Center for Strategic Studies pointed out the growing emphasis the USSR is placing on improving their military scientific and technological base. What emphasis is the USSR giving to this area? What do you anticipate in the next several years?

Answer No. 20:

1. The Soviets have given phenomenal support to military R&D since World War II. This is increasing and expanding. An estimated \$12.8 billion in '67, or 74 percent, of the total R&D effort is devoted to military or closely related requirements, including space. Recently this expenditure has been increasing by about \$1 billion per year. Soviet technological manpower--now the largest in the world--is increasing rapidly and the projected figures for the future seem to far exceed peaceful industrial and academic needs of the country. Better R&D facilities are being provided each year, and the quality of Soviet technical manpower, now lower than that of the U.S., is expected to improve.

2. In the foreseeable future, all indications are for a steady and marked increase in the extent, quality, and effectiveness of Soviet military science and the supporting technology base. Expenditures for military and space R&D will continue to increase by an estimated \$1 billion per year.